NATIONAL TESTIMONIAL TO WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON.

THE accomplishment of the Great Work of Emancipation in the United States directs our minds to the duty of some fit public recognition of the man who must in all future time be regarded as its visible leader.

William Lloyd Garrison, then in the twenty-sixth year of his age, established the "Liberator" newspaper in 1831; and thenceforward devoted his abilities and his career to the promotion of "immediate and unconditional emancipation." After the lapse of thirty-five years of the most exacting labor, of controversy, peril, and misconception, he has been permitted to see the object gained, to which he, at first almost alone, consecrated his life. The generation which immediately preceded ours regarded him only as a wild enthusiast, a fanatic, or a public enemy. The present generation sees in him the bold and honest reformer, the man of original, self-poised, heroic will, inspired by a vision of universal justice, made actual in the practice of nations; — who, daring to attack without reserve the worst and most powerful oppression of his country and his time, has outlived the Giant Wrong he assailed and has triumphed over the sophistries by which it was maintained.

In this difficult and perilous work, his labors have been so exclusively directed to the single aim of the overthrow of American Slavery, and so absorbing and severe, that, with abilities capable of winning fortune as well as reputation, he is now, in respect to worldly honors and emoluments, as he was at the commencement of his career.

We ask simply to arrest the attention of the American people to the obligations they owe to this American.

Although he contended for the rights of human nature, — and thus, in a degree, made mankind his constituency — yet *here* was the field of his enterprise, and *ours* was the land to be immediately redeemed.

He was the advocate of no private interest, he was the representative of no sect or party; with no hope of worldly profit to be reaped from the measures and the principles he urged, he was the conspicuous, the acknowledged, the prophetic leader of the movement in behalf of the American Slave — now consummated by the Edict of Universal Emancipation.

It cannot mar the dignity of his position as a man of honest, intellectual, and moral independence, to receive a substantial testimonial of the good-will and grateful respect of his friends and countrymen; nor can it be more than an honorable recognition on the part of the uncounted multitudes of all parties and sections, who must confess themselves to have become his debtors — to give to him such a testimonia and to make it substantial.

We, the undersigned, do therefore invite all people who rejoice in the destruction of Slavery, in the re-establishment of the Union on the basis of Universal Freedom, who appreciate his past service in the cause of Liberty, and the dignity and judgment with which he has accepted and interpreted the more recent events of public history,—to unite with us in presenting a national testimonial, of not less than *Fifty Thousand Dollars*, to our fellow countryman—WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON.

APRIL 25, 1866.

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[*Letter from Chief Justice Chase.*]

WASHINGTON, APRIL 11, 1866.

DEAR SIR,

I am glad that you and others have taken in hand the project of a testimonial to Mr. GARRISON. His earnest and disinterested labors in the great cause of Emancipation, of which he may almost be said to be the pioneer, may be most fitly so recognized. His best reward is the triumph of the cause, achieved already, though not yet perfected; but let there be added to that most precious sense of grand results from work nobly done, such a recognition by the people, as will be equally honorable to them and to him.

Yours very truly,

S. P. CHASE.

Hon. CHARLES SUMNER, in a letter to the Committee, says: "Mr. GARRISON'S sublime dedication of himself all alone to this cause, at a moment when it was disregarded, can never be forgotten in the history of this country. I trust that no effort will be spared to carry out the idea of securing an honorable token of the grateful sentiments which his name must always inspire among the friends of Human Rights."

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